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Applicant(s): Chomik et al.

Serial No.: 09/639,508

For: VENT DISC FOR BABY BOTTLE AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURE THEREOF

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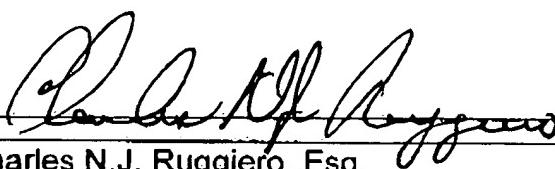
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A check in the amount of \$ 206.00 is attached (Claim Fee).

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From: Ned McMahon

Examiner Rinehart,

Per our telephone conversation this morning, I am enclosing a copy of the Preliminary Amendment mailed on November 30, 2000 in Application Serial No. 09/639,508. This Preliminary Amendment was received by the USPTO on December 4, 2000 as evidenced by the return postcard, a copy of which is enclosed.

The Preliminary Amendment canceled claims 1 through 13 and added claims 18 through 40. Thus, claims 14 through 40 are pending in the present application. Claims 18 through 29 depend directly and indirectly from the method of claim 14. Claims 30 through 36 depend directly and indirectly from the apparatus of claim 17. Claim 37 is independent and is directed to a method. Claims 38, 39 and 40 depend directly and indirectly from the method of claim 37.

With regards to the restriction requirement, we elect with traverse the method claims of the present application, namely claims 14 through 16, 18 through 29 and 37 through 40. It is respectfully submitted that searching the subject matter of the apparatus of claims 17, and 30 through 36, simultaneous with the method claims would not place a serious burden on the Examiner. Also, it is submitted that issuing one patent on the subject matter of all of the present pending claims would be more expedient for the USPTO, the inventor and the public.

Please contact us should you require additional information with respect to either the Preliminary Amendment or our election of the method claims. Thanks and best regards,

Ned McMahon

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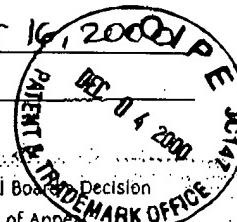
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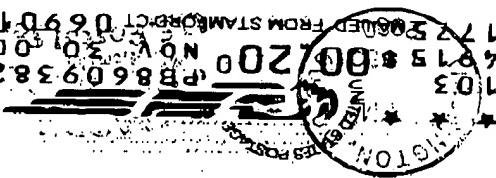
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